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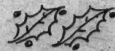
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Season's Greetings

This is the time of year for counting blessings. Among ours, none is more dearly treasured than the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve. Not to be measured in dollars and cents, this is by far our most precious possession. To continue to deserve it is our constant aim.



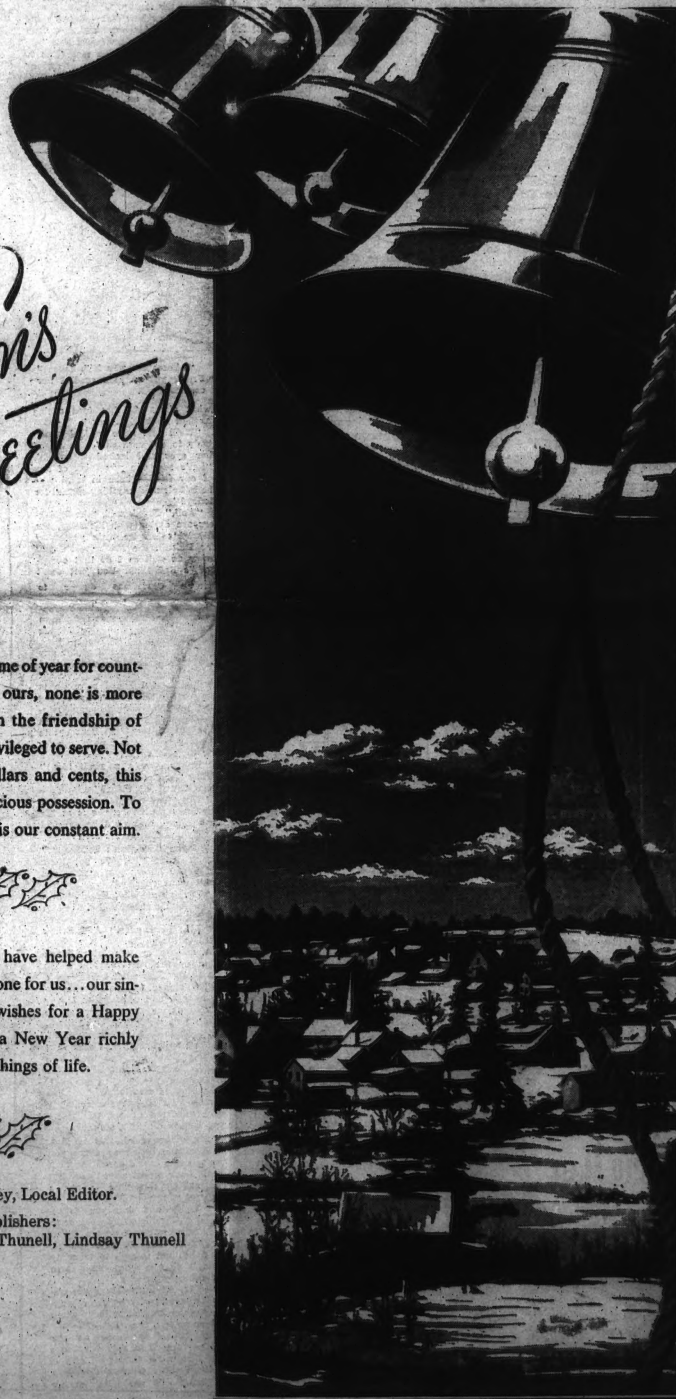
To all who have helped make this year a memorable one for us...our sincere thanks and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season...for a New Year richly rewarding in the best things of life.



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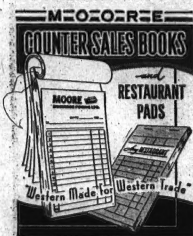
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"CRY OF THE HUNTER"
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Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve—NO SHOW
"A Merry Christmas To All"

The Irma Times is the best
advertising medium possible.
Our correspondents cover every
part of the district. Merchants
or business places who do not
use The Times columns are los-
ing a fine opportunity to keep
their weekly messages in this
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home in the trading area."



VIKING NEWS, Agent

The old wish...
the true wish...
**Merry Christmas
AND
Happy New Year**
from
EATON'S



Looking at Sports

(From The Viking News)

Gas Kings Hope For Colder Weather

Ice is all that keeps the cham-
pion Gas Kings and fans from
the Carina these days. For lack
of ice the Kings will start the
season with little or no prac-
tice or conditioning. The opener
with the Wainwright Comman-
dos scheduled for here Satur-
day, December 18, is very doubt-
ful as we go to press. The ice
makers are working feverishly
against time and weather to get
a sheet of frozen aqua pura
ready, but the odds are that the
opener will have to be postponed
until a later date. The same con-
dition applied last year. Oh, for
some artificial ice!

Executive Busy

In the meantime there's plenty
of activity by the executive in
rounding up a hockey squad
that will hold their own with
the highly touted teams from St.
Paul, Vegreville, Vermilion and
Wainwright, that constitute the
balance of the Eastern Alberta
Hockey League.

Car Owners Co-operating

President Selmer Hafso has
had gratifying results in getting
a line-up of car owners who
have volunteered to transport
the hockey players to and from
town games at their own ex-
pense. Selmer says a few more
offers of cars would be wel-
come.

District Players to Try Out

When practice starts, there'll
be quite a bit of new hockey
heavy trying to catch on with
the Kings, including Bob Rowe
of Edmonton, Allan Bjork and
Dale Barrow of Tofield, Leo
Rurka and Eddie Slywka of Ry-
dell, three newcomers from Ren-
frew, and Bruce Hall, who has
played for the Sudbury Wolves,
and hails from Hamilton.

Vermilion to be Tough

Our under-cover agent hears
via grape vine route that the
Vermilion Tigers are mak-
ing overtures to Jim Taylor, for-
mer Viking goalie, now at Pro-
vost, to take a position between
the pipes. Ray Jones, another
Viking product, is trying out in
the nets and is said to be another
coming Turk Broda. With Krel-
ler leading the pack, the Tigers
should cut quite a caper in the
enlarged league. They say that
coach Kreller just loves to play
in the Viking pasture where he
has plenty of room to throw his
weight around. Look out, Krel-
ler, you might stub your toe.

Wainwright Has Few New Players

Our secret informant also
whispers the info that the Com-
mandos will ice the same team
as last year, except a hefty ser-
gent from the military camp,
replacing Kay Steele who has
switched his love to the Gas
Kings (7). The Commandos have
held secret rehearsals on nearby
sloughs and duck ponds, and in

order to draw more customers
through the turn stiles, have
lowered the admission to 50c
per head, same as Viking has
always charged to see them per-
form here.

Professional Trainer for Kings

The good news for the Gas
Kings is that R. D. Taylor has
offered his services as trainer.
With an army service back-
ground and many years with
the Olds Elks club, he should be
a real help to the boys in get-
ting and keeping them in shape.

Local Tailor Real Booster

Bill James, the tailor and
cleaner, is giving the boys a
helping hand by clearing all
uniforms for half price, and has
done all repairs (lots of it) free.
Nice piece of booting, we'll say.

Dear Mr. Weatherman, co-
operate and bring on the Com-
mandos!

Invited to Killam

The Gas Kings have been ex-
tended an invitation to play in
a tournament at Killam on New
Year's Day, but haven't ac-
cepted as yet. The executive are
pondering over saying yes or
no. Teams from Hardisty, Kil-
lam and Camrose will be there.

Western Canada Ladies' Curling Championships

In October, 1952, under the
sponsorship of the T. Burtin Co.
Limited, representatives from la-
dies curling associations of Sas-
katchewan, Alberta and Mani-
toba met in Winnipeg to ar-
range for western curling play-
downs. At this time the West-
ern Canada Ladies' Curling As-
sociation was organized with Mrs.
H. C. Andrews, Moose Jaw, Sas-
katchewan, as president, and
plans were completed for the
"Eaton Western Ladies' Curling
Championships" between the 3
provincial winners to be held in
Regina on March 3, 1953. The
following year Mrs. Wm. Wat-
son of Edmonton presided over
the annual meeting of the
W.C.L.C.A. at which time Mrs.
P. C. McIntyre was declared
president for the 1954-55 term,
with the championship to be
played in Winnipeg. British Co-
lumbia has now affiliated ex-
tending the playdowns to the
four Western Provinces.

The year 1955 will see the
finals of the Eaton Western La-
dies' Curling Championships
played in the Manitoba capital
at the Granite Club, March 14,
15 and 16.

Notice to Ticket Holders At Carina

Those wishing to retain their
some reserved seats at the Car-
ina as last year, should make
arrangements at the Nordstrom
and Merta office on or before
December 18, after which they
will be sold to first come, first
served.

Frig Spiel Dates January 12-15

The dates for the sixth annual
Frig Spiel is already becoming
known throughout the province.
Promoter Selmer Hafso sent out
postcards last week announcing
the dates to all and sundry
curlers who took part in former
Frig Spiels here. The name
Frig Spiel is retained because it
is well known, but this year TV
Sets will be the main prize along
with a good array of secondary
prizes.

Frig Spiel Committees

These are the fellows who will
put the Frig Spiel on the map.
Draw Man—Jack Slavik.
Accommodation—Helmert Kjel-
land and Len Carrington.

Entertainment—Bill Stalker
and Ross Fitzmaurice.
Prize—John Hafso and Lloyd
McIntyre.

Door—Jack McArthur, Dave
Hepderson and W. Richardson.

The Viking Curling Club will
start the season with sixteen
rinks and ten rovers. See list
of personnel in this week's issue.

The ice makers for the curling
rink and Carina are working
night and day to get sheets of
ice but so far have had no co-
operation from the weatherman.

Anyone fishing or contemplating
fishing off trout or grayling in
Camp Lake should take due
notice to regulations issued by
the Viking Fish and Game Pro-
tective Association, appearing in
this issue.



Dorothy Boys Killam

YOUNG Mrs. Frank Sanderson
hung up the telephone receiver
and stared bleakly at the beau-
tifully set dining table. The Santa
Claus sleigh centerpiece filled with
red and white striped candy canes,
the sprig of holly at each place
setting, the gleaming silver—was
it all to be for nothing?

"I'm so terribly sorry," her
mother had just said over the
phone. "We simply aren't going to
be able to make it for Christmas
dinner. The roads are just a sheet
of ice."

"Oh, Mother!" Eva had ex-
claimed. "It won't seem like
Christmas at all without you here.
And Frank and I were so excited
about it being our first time to
have the family."

"I know how disappointed you'd
be, Eva," Mother answered. "But
Dad says it's just impossible."
"Oh, Frank!" Eva was close to
tears. "It's going to seem so queer
without Mom and Dad."

"I know how you feel, honey,"
Frank put an arm around her
comfortingly. "And what's more,



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Frank put an arm around her
comfortingly.

what about all that food sitting
around in the kitchen?"

"We'll just have to find some-
body to eat with us," Eva wiped
her eyes and looked thoughtful.
"Let's see, can you think of any
of our friends here in town who
haven't planned anything special for
today?"

"Well," Frank said, "the Spring-
ers are eating with his folks, the
Albrights left by train yesterday
for Detroit, the McCallis—oh, you
know as well as I do that every-
body's dated up. You just don't
leave Christmas dinner to
chance."

"Frank! What about the Aaron-
gards? You know that fisherman
and his family who live in the
cottage down by the docks?"

"You mean that tall, quiet guy
with three or four tow-headed
kids?"

"Yes, and I heard someone in
the post office yesterday saying
they've been having a struggle late-
ly—the river's been so ice-blocked
that he can't get his boat out to
the lake, and there's nothing com-
ing in for them."

"Honey, that's a swell idea!"
Frank agreed heartily. "But
what'll we tell them?"

"Why, just the plain truth, that
our folks couldn't make it at the
last minute and we'd be so glad
if they'd substitute for them."

"Maybe they won't believe it,"
Frank said. "They've got their
pride you know, people like that
don't want charity."

"Just try anyway, Frank," Eva
pleaded. "Go ahead and phone him
right now."

"O.K., here goes." And Frank
went to the phone.

A minute or two later Frank
hung up the receiver and shook
his head. "Just what I was afraid
of," he sighed. "When I first start-
ed to talk, and wished him Merry
Christmas, he seemed tickled to
death that we'd thought of them,
but the minute I mentioned the in-
vitation he froze up and said very
politely that they had their own
plans. He just didn't believe the
story."

Eva looked crestfallen. But after
a moment's silence she suddenly
said, "Let me have that phone,"
and hastily dialed a number.

"Mr. Aaronsgard, this is Mrs.
Sanderson. We're so sorry you
can't come to dinner here, it
would have meant a lot to us. But
I'm calling this time to ask a
favor of you."

"I understand that you go in-
land to Brinkville every week or so
to deliver some fish orders. I just
wonder if, the next time you go,
you'd be kind enough to take my
family's gifts to them—their farm
is right on your way."

"Yes, all their things are un-
der the tree here. We naturally
expected them to pick them up when
they came to dinner, but—"

Eva began to smile as she
listened, and then said cordially,
"Oh, fine, we'll expect all of you
at about three o'clock. Good-bye
ill then." And she hung up the
receiver.

"They guess they'll come after
all, if we don't mind their changing
their minds," she reported happily.

"You're a smart little wife if I
do say it myself," Frank grinned.
"Come on, let's shove that bird in
the oven."

WEDDING Invitations—printed
within 48 hours on the week-
end. Drop in and see our
samples. Viking News Office.

Season's Greetings

To All Our Customers & Friends

May the Giver of gifts give unto you
A Christmas that's blessed the whole day
through,
And then through the days of the New Year too,
The will to help-and the courage to do,
A heart that can sing each day anew,
Whether the skies are gray or blue,
May the Giver of gifts give these to you.

V. Hutchinson & Co. Ltd.

Vic and Keith

Take Notice

We are Shipping Hogs and Livestock De-
cember 24 and December 31. Last Shipment this
Year.

Have Your Hogs in Real Early. We all like
to see Old St. Nick Christmas Eve.

Ship Your Hogs the Burn's Way, the best
deal anywhere. We ship every Friday all year
round. This is Our Business.

We at this time take great pleasure in
thanking you all for all your business and patron-
age.

We hope we will Be Best of Service and a
Fair Good Deal in the coming season.
Thanking you all again.

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To everyone, we send our best wishes for a New
Year filled with good health, happiness and success.

F. Wyand Family

Children's Day, Thurs., December 23. Free Show at 2 p.m.

Every Business Establishment Will Carry a Special for this Day

His Christmas Day Northern Nuggets

Another Christmas Day has come.
Our hearts with joy o'erflow.
We hear the carols on the air
Across the frozen snow.
Our thoughts go back this Christmas Day
To scenes of long ago.
For Christ was born in Bethlehem
That God His love might show.
The shepherds heard the angels sing
And hastened to adore;
They saw the mother and the child
And felt their toil no more.
The wise men came and brought their gifts,
To Jesus, virgin born;
They saw the Star of Bethlehem,
And were no more forlorn.
So may He live within our hearts
On this His Christmas Day;
So may we show our gratitude
And own His sovereign sway.
(By Oswald J. Smith).

To the people of Irma and surrounding districts we desire to express our sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.
—N. V. Ashdown, Pastor.

Annual Meeting of W.A. Irma Afternoon Group
Mrs. J. C. MacLean was elected President of the Afternoon Group of the Irma W.A. at their annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. MacLean. Other officers elected were: First Vice-President, Mrs. M. Knudson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. Enger; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Black and Secretary, Mrs. I. S. Reads. These officers will be installed with the Junior W.A. officers by Rev. H. Inglis at a church service.

Reports for the year showed an amazing amount of work done. Expenditures were \$732.36 with the main items being \$444.28 on the manse, janitor and light for the church \$185.00, M. and M. fund \$50.00, telephone for the manse and many other odds and ends of needful work making the balance.
Four new members were welcomed. These were Mrs. A. Smallwood, Mrs. E. Tomlinson, Mrs. E. McRoberts and Mrs. A. Fischer, with more expected shortly. The membership was 27 last year.

Glen-Coa Gleanings
F/O John Erickson was home for a couple of days last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gulbraa left last Saturday for an extended holiday to the west coast.
Mrs. A. Lindquist was a guest this week of Mrs. J. Larson and the Spring family.
Sharon Sunday School program will be on December 23 at 8 p.m. There will be a beautiful film strip to accompany the program entitled 'O Holy Night'.
To everyone we wish the Peace and happiness of this wonderful Christmas season, which came with a tiny Babe in a manger.

Store Hours For Christmas Week
Wednesday, December 22 — open all day.
Friday, December 24 — 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The Albert Sunday School Christmas party was held in the school Saturday evening. After a number of rousing games, the children sang some of their Xmas Sunday School hymns. Following this the presents under the nicely decorated tree were given out—each child had made gifts for his parents. District little ones and those attending Sunday School were each given a book. Much credit is due the teachers, Mrs. Edgar Jones and Mrs. Ivan Hardy, for organizing this party, and for a year's work well done.
Mrs. P. Miller, Mr. Albert Hinton and Mr. R. Herder all attended the FUA convention in Edmonton last week. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Hinton as delegates from this local will be presenting their reports at a meeting at Albert on Monday evening, December 20.
Mrs. Ivan Currie reports that a total of \$61.34 was contributed to the British and Foreign Bible Society from this area in the recent drive for funds.
Mrs. Art Larson returned home Saturday from an Edmonton hospital where she had undergone an operation last week.
Mrs. Ivan Currie is a patient in Mannville hospital this week.
The Del Smith family spent the week-end in Edmonton and Millet where they helped Del's father celebrate his birthday.
Old friends of Mr. Pyle, now of B.C., will be glad to hear that he is enjoying better health following an illness this past summer.

Best wishes of the season to all Irma residents!
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
The Home and School Association will meet on Monday, December 20 at 8 p.m. in the School Lunchroom.
The new executive have a good program planned for and all the members are urged to be present.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Sale of Lands under the Tax Recovery Act, R.S.A. 1942, Village of Irma
Notice is hereby given that Recovery Act, The Village of under the provisions of the Tax Irma will offer for sale by public auction at the office of the secretary-treasurer, Irma, Alta., on Thursday, the 30th day of December, 1954, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following parcels of land:
Lots 5, 6, 13, 14, Block 9, Plan 4726HW.
13.22 Acres, Block H, Plan 1560 W.
1 Acre, Block C, Plan 1560 W.
Each parcel will be offered for sale subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and subject to a reserve bid and to reservations contained in the existing certificates of title.
TERMS, CASH.
Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the date of the sale.
Dated at the Village of Irma, November 10, 1954, in the Province of Alberta.
A. C. Charter, Secretary-Treasurer, Village of Irma.

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY
For our Christmas Story this year let us skip a quarter of the airport and suddenly find ourselves in Irma on Christmas Eve in the year 1979.
We find our town has grown and changed beyond all recognition. It seems that oil was found on the farm of Albert Glasgow in the late nineteen fifties and from then on Irma had really boomed. The wonders of the atomic age followed and there is much which is beyond our comprehension.
The latest modes in mobile vehicles are moving about the streets and as they go they make little sound and glow all over in the dark. A collision is impossible because each is equipped with atomic radar controlled brakes, which apply automatically. Among those operating these vehicles we see Douglas Coffin, Gary Meier, Dale Larson, Rickey Gultner and many others.
Down at the curling rink the Farmers' Bonspiel is just reaching its climax. Rinkers skipped by Bonnie Despey and Charlie Cairns are battling it out for the Grand Challenge. It seems that even in the atomic age, no better or more satisfying sport than the "roarin' game," has yet been invented. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Milne are still with us and still as interested as ever in the Farmers' Bonspiel and in curling in general. From their conversation we learn that Gordie Fisher, Lorne Anquist, Bobbie Smallwood and Dennis Pond brought home the McDonald Brier Tankard the previous winter. Jimmy Kirkman, Bobbie Gunn, Gary Cook and Douglas Sharkey have a very strong rink this season and are determined to win the coveted trophy this year.
We would like to see the finish of the Despey-Cairns game but many are leaving to meet those who are coming home for Christmas. We think they are going to meet the bus but soon find their destination is a thriving airport west of the town. In charge of the airport are Allan Symington and Grant Pendleton, while Clair-Louise, Bruce Larson, Roy Knudson, Harvey Clumstad and Kenneth Hardy are plotting planes of fabulous design and performance.
A private plane has just landed and Richard and Robert Jones who manage the Irma Oil Refinery, step out. A group of air stewardesses have just come home for the holidays. Among them we see Linda McTavish, Norcen Jackson, Gloria Savard, Sandra Lawson and Jeanie Torrance. A chartered plane piloted by Bruce Miles now comes in, bringing home Bert Smith, Maurice Miller, Henry Penick, Ronnie Pirks, Tim Holt, Douglas Currie and Barry Long all returning from a Stockman's convention. Among famous folk returning to Irma for Christmas is Miss Joan Nissen. A splendid sample of her art work

adorns the cover of the 1979 Christmas issue of McLean's magazine.
Leaving the airport we pass the home of Mr. D. H. Gunn who retired a year ago and spends much time in his greenhouse. Tonight he is cutting many of his choicest blooms for the wedding on Christmas Day of his youngest daughter, Muriel Edith, who was born November 27, 1954.
We wonder how our Irma churches have fared over the years and for the first time fear and desolation overwhelm us as we hurry from one remembered site to another and cannot find even one of our former places of worship. This black moment is quickly dispelled when a glorious carillon of bells ring out and we are mounting the steps of a large new church hitherto unnoticed. A meeting of the vestry has just broken up and we recognize Wayne Pendleton, Erling Nilson, Gerald Reber, Jimmie Masson, Darrell Thurston, Almon Archibald, Gary Hultman and Arthur Jack among the board members. In answer to our many questions they tell how the reawakening which was just beginning in the various churches in 1954 spread and became nation wide and then world wide. The resulting tide of Christian love and fellowship swept all barriers before it. Atomic war or war of any kind became impossible and denominationalism disappeared. The fine church of which Joseph Rocher was the architect, was then erected.

Among the ministers serving the Irma churches were: Curtis Satre, Dallas Strangway, Lawrence Likness and Leo Thurston. On this Christmas Eve, a young and promising minister who is at Irma for the holidays, is the guest speaker. He is the son of our Irma manse and is now the Rev. Colin Inglis D.D. His text, found in the writings of St. John, is one dearly loved by members of the new combination church and contains these words: "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."
As Gordon Hollings, with Leslie Ballentine at the console of the great organ, leads the masses, church in the Adagio, Pella, we return to our place in the year 1954. The problems we had left behind are still with us but the Love and Power that came that Christmas long ago are ours to use fully and freely at we will, and the promise given to Isaiah is still ours too: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given—and of His government and Peace there shall be no end."
—W.F.R.

Prevention of tuberculosis is an important part of the anti-tuberculosis program of the Alberta Tuberculosis Association, financed only by Christmas Seals.

Notice
In accordance with the Ministerial Order of January 15, 1954, under the Agricultural Pests Act, warning is hereby given to all persons that a deadly poison has been set out in all the Military Camp Area, formerly known as the Wainwright Buffalo Park, in the form of horse meat for the purpose of controlling Coyotes. This poison is called Compound 1040. People are warned not to touch, tamper with or remove these poison baits. WARNING NOTICES have been posted in the areas that are baited, they are for your protection, obey them.

HAROLD V. HARVEY,
Post Control Officer,
M.D. of Wainwright No. 61.

EASTERLY ECHOES
Miss Gloria Savard entertained a number of little friends last Wednesday at her birthday party. Gloria has reached the age of six and goes to school in Irma.

Archie Cook and Eldon Fenton each made a trip to Edmonton last week with sheep. Archie also visited Eldon on business.

Mrs. Eldon Fenton has been a patient in the Wainwright hospital this week but is home now. We are glad to know that Mrs. H. Adams is also home again from hospital.

Cheery Greetings!
Friendly meetings!
Children's laughter in the snow.
Church bells ringing!
Carol singing!
Greeting friends its nice to know.
That's Christmas!
—L. Morse.

Kinsella News
Mr. W. D. Johnston who has been up north on a hunting trip with friends, has arrived home and reports a successful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hogg and baby son, left last week to spend the winter in the Peace River district.

Mr. D. Corbett of Edmonton, was down last week to attend the funeral of Mr. J. Brown.

Mr. G. Peterson, Mrs. A. Milne and the Misses M. Peterson and B. Armistage spent a few days in the city last week.

The annual meeting of the IRMA was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. MacLean on Thursday, December 9. The following officers were elected: Exalted Ruler, R. Sherman from Jarro; Inner Guard, K. Fickus; Tyler, B. Holt; Secretary, T. Oakes; Treasurer, J. W. Wilkinson; Leading Knight, E. Young; Loyal Knight, B. Davis; Lecturing Knight, H. G. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Greenwood and Miss Yvonne Johnston spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Edmonton.

The store in Kinsella have put on a very festive appearance and are very well stocked with Christmas merchandise.

Miss Linda Wilkinson celebrated her seventh birthday by entertaining a number of her friends.

Mr. Murray Walker won the Legion Draw at Viking, A 27 lb. turkey trimmed with twenty-three dollar bills.

Donations to United Church Memorial Fund in memory of Mr. J. Brown: Mr. and Mrs. R. Cormack; Mr. F. Alock; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Carpenter; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hodgins; Mr. and Mrs. F. Long; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes; Mr. and Mrs. I. Johanson; Mrs. R. Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. B. Corns; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis; Mrs. C. Turnbull; Mr. and Mrs. B. Armistage and family; Mr. and Mrs. D. Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. C. Horinek and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkinson and family; Mrs. K. Arkinstall and Mr. S. Arkinstall.

To the Sunday School: Mr. and Mrs. K. Overbo and family; McKie family.
To the Cancer Fund: The Community League.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of Mother and Dad, Mr. and Mrs. David Glasgow Sr., who passed away December 17, 1953:
"They bade farewell to no one,
When they left for good to stay.
A Page in our Book of Memories is sadly turned today."
Lovingly remembered by—
Myrtle, Dorothy, Irene,
Gerald and Albert.

Christmas Message
Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem were born,
And be not born in thee,
Thy soul is still forlorn.

The true reason for rejoicing at Christmas is because Jesus Christ came into Human life—The word became flesh and dwelt among us—His coming meant the dawn of a new day in the world and introduced a new Commandment of Love.

Christ also comes to individuals and without a personal experience of His coming, Christmas is only a feast, an exchange of gifts, as a round of parties that is quickly past, leaving people tired and thankful that it is all over for another year.

But if Christmas is a Spiritual experience, the Joy of His coming does not fade but remains with you as long as life shall last. The Birth of Christ was the climax of God's love to mankind. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
"That is why the angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, Goodwill to Men.'"
That is why Christmas can mean so much to each individual whosoever will believe can possess God's great gift of a Saviour.

Love was and is my King and Lord.
And will be though as yet I sleep
Within His bounds on earth and sleep
Embraced by His faithful guard;
And hear at times a sentinel
Who moves about from place to place
And whispers to the world of space
In the deep night that all is well.
May Christmas speak to you of the glad news of God's Love.
—H. W. Inglis.

Christmas in The Churches
ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES
There will be Celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, December 26 at 2 p.m. The Offertory at this Service will be our Christmas gift to our pastor.

SHARON LUTHERAN
Christmas Service, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m.
Norwegian Service, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m.
Sunday School program, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m.
"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
L. Knudson, Pastor.

UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, December 19
Irma Sunday School White Gift Service 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Service 11:30 a.m.
Jarro Christmas Service at 3 p.m.
H. W. Inglis, Minister.

AVOGLLEN GOSPEL MISSION
Regular Services at Paschen-dale School every Sunday.
Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship Service 3 p.m.
A hearty invitation is extended to you and your family.
"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." Psalm 122, Vs. 1.
—T. M. Conway, Pastor.

VILLAGE OF IRMA Notice of Proposed Local Improvements

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Village of Irma pursuant to the provisions of The Town and Village Act that the Council intends to construct and install as local improvements water mains and sewers on the streets listed hereunder and that the Council intends to charge part of the cost thereof by way of special frontage assessment for local improvements against all lands abutting on that portion of the streets whereon or wherein the said water mains and sewers are to be laid, at an original annual unit rate per front foot of 17 cents per front foot for water mains and 17 cents per front foot for sewers, such annual assessments to be paid for a period of twenty (20) years.

AND NOTICE is further given that unless a majority of the owners of the lands that may be assessed therefor, owning at least one-half in value thereof, petition the Council against it within two weeks after the last publication of this notice, the said local improvements will be undertaken and a portion of the cost thereof assessed by the system of assessment hereinbefore mentioned.

Any owner so specially assessed may at any time commute the amount of balance remaining unpaid in respect thereof by paying the amount of the original assessment charged against the land together with interest and penalties chargeable in respect thereof less any amounts previously paid on account thereof.

DATED at the Village of Irma, in the Province of Alberta, this 7th day of December, 1964.

A. C. CHARTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Water Mains

List of Streets and Avenues in which Water Mains are to be Laid

1. On King Street from Third Avenue to Fourth Avenue.
2. On King Street from Fourth Avenue to East-West Road Allowance.
3. On Main Street from First Avenue to Second Avenue.
4. On Main Street from Second Avenue to Third Avenue.
5. On Main Street from Third Avenue to E-West Road Allowance.
6. On Queen Street from Third Avenue to 450 feet North of Third Avenue.
7. On North-South Road Allowance from First Avenue to Third Avenue.
8. On North-South Road Allowance from Third Avenue to East-West Road Allowance.
9. On First Avenue from King Street to Main Street.
10. On First Avenue from Main Street to Queen Street.
11. On First Avenue from Queen Street to North-South Road Allowance.
12. On Second Avenue from King Street to Main Street.
13. On Second Avenue from Main Street to Queen Street.
14. On Third Avenue from King Street to Main Street.
15. On Third Avenue from Main Street to Queen Street.
16. On Third Avenue from Queen Street to North-South Road Allowance.
17. On Fourth Avenue from King Street to 375 feet East of King Street.
18. On East-West Road Allowance from North-South Road Allowance to 300 feet East of North-South Road Allowance.

Sewers

List of Streets and Avenues in which Sewers are to be Laid

1. On King Street from First Avenue to Second Avenue.
2. On King Street from Second Avenue to Third Avenue.
3. On King Street from Third Avenue to Fourth Avenue.
4. On King Street from Fourth Avenue to East-West Road Allowance.
5. On Main Street from First Avenue to Second Avenue.
6. On Main Street from Second Avenue to Third Avenue.
7. On Main Street from Third Avenue to East-West Road Allowance.
8. On Queen Street from Third Avenue to 450 feet of Third Avenue.
9. On North-South Road Allowance from First Avenue to Third Avenue.
10. On North-South Road Allowance from Third Avenue to East-West Road Allowance.
11. On First Avenue from King Street to Main Street.
12. On First Avenue from Main Street to Queen Street.
13. On First Avenue from Queen Street to North-South Road Allowance.
14. On Second Avenue from King Street to 370 feet West of King Street.
15. On Second Avenue from Main Street to Queen Street.
16. On Third Avenue from King Street to Main Street.
17. On Third Avenue from Main Street to Queen Street.
18. On Third Avenue from Queen Street to North-South Road Allowance.
19. On Fourth Avenue from King Street to 375 feet East of King Street.
20. On East-West Road Allowance from North-South Road Allowance to 375 feet East of North-South Road Allowance.

Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

*"To learn your luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good luck will be yours through the year."*

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world. The custom is believed to have started in Ireland. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe." And it is the custom that the candles can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle," burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and is also used for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Guard Against Fire This Yule Season

Guard against fire in your home this Yule season.

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only a minute or so and that doesn't leave much time to call for help.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what is lacking in size.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 30 years.

Today, the poem which begins:

*"Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse—"*

is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings.

Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Make Gifts Attractive

Make your Christmas package attractive because half of the pleasure of the gift is the wrapping and opening a beautiful package. Use plenty of ribbon and gay colored paper. Add bells and Christmas ornaments to the bows. Tie the ribbon about the corners and put the bows off-center to make the packages distinctive. A little disguise by putting small boxes in larger ones before wrapping adds to the mystery of the gift.

Alberta's mobile chest X-ray clinic, bought with Christmas Seal funds and operated in conjunction with the provincial Department of Health, have already examined over 1,000,000 people.

Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Gettysburg, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracura.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . Full of Yule good fellowship, "Bliss" tries to arouse some little in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

Yule Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk. He thought of the idea in 1904 while mailing Christmas packages and letters.

The clerk was Einar Holboell. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

Door Decorations

In the last few years it has become more and more popular to decorate doors and doorways with bells and tree ornaments instead of the conventional wreath.

Your door and window frames can be made bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide ash bows for colorful effect.

\$100,000 Available For Alberta Golden Jubilee Observations

Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs, has announced \$100,000 will be made available to assist Alberta municipalities with Golden Jubilee observations.

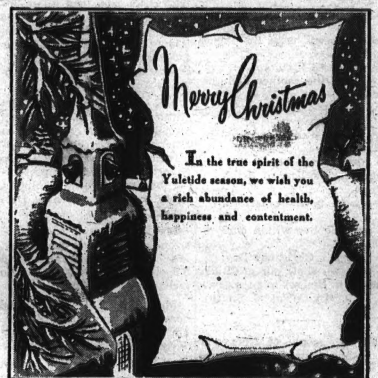
The fund will be available on a per capita basis for various Jubilee programs that can include development of local attractions or local production of Jubilee activities from other parts of Alberta. Adjacent communities wishing to combine their Jubilee programs may pool their grants.

Arrangements are now being made for provincial Jubilee organizations to assist communities in organization and planning of Jubilee programs. Communities wishing Jubilee grants are asked to set up Jubilee committees and write to the Alberta Golden Jubilee Committee, 410 Alberta Jasper Building, Edmonton, to send a representative of the Jubilee Committee can attend organizational meetings.

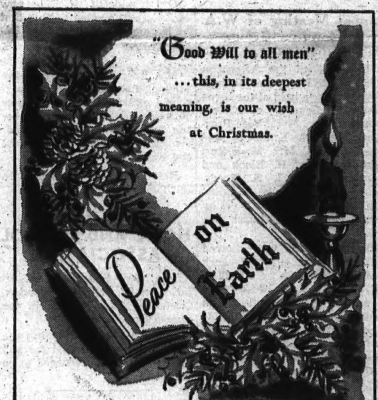
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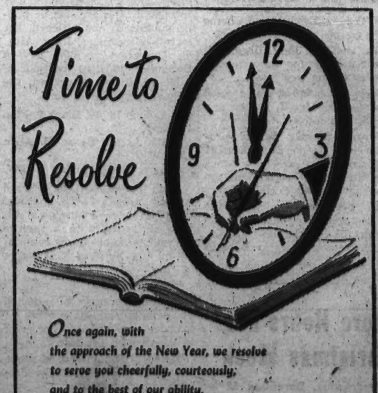
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yours... now and through all time to come.

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our best wishes go out to all our
friends and neighbors:
may peace, health and
good will be with you always.

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PRAIRIE AGRICULTURE IN REVIEW

First appearing as a series of articles, but now assembled in book form, under the title "A SHORT HISTORY OF PRAIRIE AGRICULTURE," the story of agriculture in Western Canada has been faithfully portrayed by Major H. G. I. Strange, until recently Director of our Research Department. Limited supplies of this book are still available and any who are interested in it may obtain a copy by applying to the nearest Searle Elevator Agent.

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EDMONTON REPORT

By Donald F. Smith

EDMONTON—The more than 700 delegates who attended the week-long convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta heard and discussed many facts of producer marketing boards.

This topic, which could become the most important piece of farm legislation at the next session of the Alberta legislature was discussed by the delegates, by Roy C. Marler, president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and Charles W. McInnis, president of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association.

Indicating the fairly widespread approval for at least enabling legislation was Mr. Marler's report to the meeting. He said his organization had held meetings in 47 districts with only two registering disapproval of the federation's request that the government introduce legislation enabling producers to establish their own marketing boards.

The meetings followed the provincial government's answer to previous requests. The government had stated an indication of general desire by the farmers for marketing boards would result in legislation being introduced. The results of the federation's meetings now are in the hands of the government, Mr. Marler said.

He cautioned the Farmers' Union against taking the initiative in setting up marketing boards as the legislation is introduced and passed. The first move must come from the producers, he said.

Following up this suggestion, the convention later passed a resolution which directs the PUA board to offer assistance to any group of producers wishing to establish such boards.

From Mr. McInnis the convention heard of the way in which Ontario hog producers are successfully marketing their own products. The eastern organization was set up in February, 1953.

The Ontario official said: "You have to get the best salesmen you can and combine them with sound business policy. If you do that you can accomplish things you never dreamed were possible."

Experience had shown the Ontario producers now are selling their hogs rather than just dumping them, said Mr. McInnis. On a slightly different note, he suggested that a good selling program would be a better solution for some of the farmers' troubles than parity prices set by the federal government.

In connection with the question of parity prices, the convention rejected the requests of farm unions in other provinces that Alberta join with them in sending a mass delegation to the federal government demanding parity prices.

Despite the appeal of Albert Cornack, president of the Ontario Farmers' Union, for Alberta's support saying "We have every right to have something guaranteed," the convention turned thumbs down after hearing some of the delegates suggest it sounded too much like a mob demonstration and warning such tactics would lose the union 50 per cent of its membership.

The action of the rejection seemed to support delegates' contentions that the FUA should do its bargaining in the ordinary manner and with the strength of a solid membership behind it.

During the convention, a delegation headed by Henry Young, who was elected union president for a fifth term, met with the provincial cabinet laying before it a convention-approved program to meet what some delegates felt was an emergency situation.

The cabinet was not prepared to view the situation with as great alarm as some of the farmers, with Premier Manning pointing out that in the first 10 months of this year farm income was \$192,131,000, a drop of only \$12,000,000 from the corresponding period of last year. The delegation was told seed grains will be available in areas of need; there is no danger of farmers being evicted because of uncontrollable tax arrears. The gov-

HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With bounding hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knightship to the originator, Henry Cole, a middle-class Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1846. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a thousand of the cards struck off by a lithograph. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today, however, are a far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

Most Beloved Carol Is 'Silent Night'

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night," that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany.

The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Since then the carol has been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world and in the languages of nearly all men.

That Reindeer Is Becoming a Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer.

From a small beginning in 1939, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humphy Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriters Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 18 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

Joseph Proved His Love for Mary, Mother of Jesus

Joseph, the bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all times.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary wanted had come to pass, simply could not be. Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privately. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't, what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying:

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not: . . . Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and chaste wife."

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Birth of the Savior Was Greatest Event in World's History

Pleasant as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslappings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

Puritans Outlawed Yule as Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1645. With the restoration of the Stuart Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden time.

Meal-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day just sits back and relaxes . . . arrives refreshed, in a mood to enjoy the holidays.

Any Canadian National Agent will be glad to arrange a Papal Rail Ticket. It costs no more and prompt delivery is insured.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of leaving upon their masters' quest, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.



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CANADIAN NATIONAL

The Irma United Church Sunday School Concert at the church is on the evening of Dec. 23. There will be special programs of Carol Singing, Film Strips and numbers by the S.S. classes.

Funeral Services For Joseph Brown

Funeral services for Mr. Joseph Brown of Kinsella, who died at Viking on December 3, 1954, were held from the Kinsella United Church on Monday, December 6 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Norman Knight conducting the services. The Roman Catholic Funeral Home had charge of the funeral arrangements. Burial took place in the Kinsella cemetery.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Ed Murray, Joe Harding, Allan Barker, Wylie Brown, Albert Loates and Chayon Barker.

Joseph Brown was born in Glasgow, Scotland on December 11, 1883, and had he lived he would have celebrated his 71st birthday anniversary. He spent most of his life in Glasgow until coming to Kinsella in May, 1949. His wife predeceased him in March, 1954, to whom he was married in Glasgow on March 30, 1906.

Mr. Brown had a quiet nature but possessed with the warm friendliness of the Scottish folk. During the five and a half years he lived in the Kinsella district he endeared himself to all in the community.

He is survived by six daughters, Mrs. O. Olsenberg and Mrs. Bruce Davis, of Kinsella; Mrs. G. Pickell, Stratford, Ont.; Mrs. Alec Donachie, Miss Marian Brown and Mrs. Mary Bainbridge of Glasgow, Scotland; three sons, Joseph in Cononley, Yorkshire, England, Alex of Kinsella and Edward of Kilmait, B.C. There are also fifteen grandchildren.

Floral tributes were from: The family; Barbara and Lyell; Mr.

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FOR SALE—1953 Austin sedan, radio, red leather upholstery, black and sandstone white 2-tone. Will trade for older car and cash or cattle and cash. Apply Lindsay Thunell, Viking News office.

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FOR SALE—house, size 12x20. Apply John Dubasz. 17-7p

FOR SALE—two pairs of girl's white pleasure skates, sizes 5 and 6, in very good shape. Apply Wm. Patterson, phone 210. 17p

and Mrs. Ernie Simmons; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons; Mr. S. G. Simmons; Allan Barker and family; A. C. Loates and family; L. S. Williams; Ann and family; Kinsella Church Board; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Paterson; Ed Murray and family; Tommy Oakes and family; Mrs. R. Skori and family.

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Fish & Game Ass'n Pass Resolutions

At the district conference of Fish and Game Protective Associations of the North-eastern Alberta area, the following resolutions were passed which will be presented to the annual convention in Calgary early in the new year.

Hardisty, Two Hills and St. Paul asked for an open deer season in 1955 for both males and females, throughout the province, under the supervision of the game department, with a zoning system similar to Sask.

Hardisty asked for an open upland game season, the same as in 1954.

Two Hills presented a resolution asking for a shorter season in their district on elk, to disperse the bands and break down the tendency of the elk to become domesticated.

Viking requested the reinstatement of the bounty payment system, subject to revision when a better system was found to control predators.

Vermilion asked that the game sanctuaries be opened for hunting after the 15th of Nov., to clear migratory birds out of the sanctuaries and into their normal fly-ways.

Amendment of the game regulations was requested by Viking, to allow cock pheasants to be taken during the same hours as other upland birds, ruling out the 10:00 a.m. opening.

Viking requested the appointment of a game guardian for the area from Chauvin to Tofield, an area too far away to be effectively covered by wardens from either Camrose or Vermilion.

Camrose asked for a closed season on Sharp-shail and Ruffed Grouse until such a time as a natural increase was established in the present numbers.

Illegal bag limits taken by non-resident hunters resulted in Camrose asking for more stringent regulations concerning the export of birds. They suggested a space on the permit of non-resident hunters, requiring a game warden or policeman to fill out the quantity of chickens being exported.

The sale of confiscated firearms by the Attorney General's Department occasioned another resolution by Camrose. It was requested to direct the resolution to the government, asking that such sales be made public so that bids could be placed by sportsmen and hunters as well as retail firms dealing in guns.

Camrose also presented a resolution requesting that the Government buy or build living quarters near the center of each game guardian's district.

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All labels will be changed the first week in January. Thanks for your prompt attention.

—The Publishers.

Christmas Seal contributions are income tax deductible.

WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan

Supplements for Livestock

It is true that livestock can be raised without supplements, but nearly all livestock will do better and be much more profitable if fed proper supplements. We can put supplements into their general classes, Protein, Mineral and Vitamin. All livestock need salt, and a mixture of equal parts salt, bonemeal and limestone makes a good mineral mixture to have where stock can get it at any time. (The salt should be iodized). A good legume hay such as alfalfa will supply extra protein and vitamins but pigs, dairy cows and laying hens require extra protein for best returns. Vitamin A is important for breeding stock. Good green hay may supply enough for cattle but sows and hens laying hatching eggs should get a fortified feeding oil.

If animals have been short of salt you should be careful, when giving it to them free choice as at first they may take too much and develop salt poisoning.

Seed Grain

Have you checked the germination of the grain you hope to use for seed? I hear many reports of very poor germination, particularly oats and barley. Why not check your seed supply now just to be sure you are not caught next spring trying to find seed. Testing your seed in soil is possibly a bit more accurate than between blotters. Your elevator agent will get a test made for you if you don't want to do it home.

Frozen Grain For Feed

Because of the amount of low grade and frozen grain in the west, there has been considerable research done to determine the value of this grain as feed. Dr. Whiting of the Lethbridge Experimental Station has summarized this work just recently. In general the experiments find that there is very little loss in feeding value due to freezing. The grain is usually lighter so it requires more bulk to make up weight. Fibre content is higher but protein content remains about the same. Because of the increased fibre content the feeding value is not quite as good for pigs and poultry but just about as good for cattle as is that of high grading grain.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

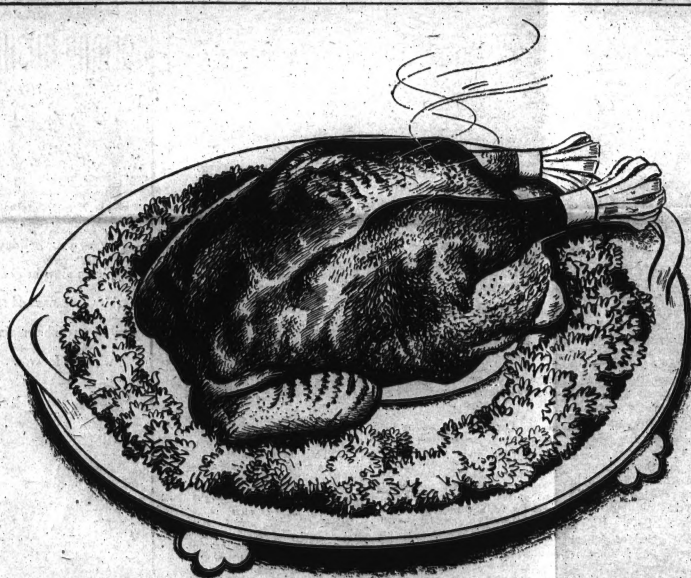
Public Please Note

Be fishing in Camp Lake. There seems to be some confusion about fishing for trout and grayling in this lake. Fishing with hook and line is permissible. Netting with gill nets or traps of any kind is definitely not allowed. These regulations set out by the Fisheries Department, Edmonton.

The Viking Fish and Game Protective Association.

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With break-ins and robberies in the cities and some small towns, business firms should not leave large sums of money in their safes or tills at any time but especially during the holiday season. With no snow and the highways in good condition, getaways would be easy. These visits by yeggmen are anything but pleasant and they occur in spite of police protection. The yeggs are a slippery lot and make preparation for their nocturnal visits.



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IMPORTANT CHANGE
IN SCHEDULE

Effective December 6,
1954



EASTBOUND for Chauvin—Bus leaves Irma 9:03 p.m. Daily

WESTBOUND for Edmonton—Bus leaves Irma—

8:40 a.m.—Daily except Sun.

8:19 p.m.—Sunday only.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ALBERTA

The function of the Department of Municipal Affairs is the general supervision of local government in Alberta. Dealing chiefly with assessments, and taxation, the Department assists municipal officials in their business management problems.

Each of Alberta's cities, towns and villages, has its own local government. Rural areas are divided into municipal districts and counties and these too have their own councils charged with carrying out well-defined responsibilities.



Improvement Districts comprise the outlying lands in the Province which are not sufficiently well developed to assume the responsibilities of local government. As population increases, improvement districts become municipal districts with their own elected councils, but until they reach this stage of development their affairs are administered directly by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The Special Areas in south-eastern Alberta is another section of the Province which does not have local self-government. These areas are administered by a Special Areas Board directly responsible to the Department of Municipal Affairs. Headquarters of the Board is at Hanna.



In 1950, The County Act became law under which the council of a municipal district or the board of the school division may request that their district be established as a county. In a county, a single local government, called a county council, combines the work formerly done by the municipal council and the local school board. One council instead of two, and one budget instead of two means greater economy, more efficient administration and improved and expanded services can then be rendered.

Many requests for the change have been received and by 1954 five counties have been established in widely separated and different parts of Alberta. All five are operating efficiently and there is little doubt that further counties will be established in the Province.

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The Department of Municipal Affairs is divided into several Branches. One of these, the Assessment Branch, sets up uniform standards of assessments throughout the Province, and deals with adjustments or revisions of various assessments where these are required. Upon request, the Branch will undertake the assessment of any town, village or hamlet and will absorb fifty percent of the cost.

The Municipal Inspections Branch conducts an annual inspection of the books and records of all towns, villages and municipal districts, in Alberta, paying particular attention to their by-laws, budgets and methods of finance. This Branch also looks after any changes in status or boundaries.

The Field Service Branch assesses all lands in improvement districts, collects a considerable amount of taxes and values various parcels of land for other government purposes.

The Tax Recovery Branch supervises the enforcement of the Tax Recovery Act under which land may be sold for unpaid taxes.

The Town and Rural Planning Branch is the executive arm of the Provincial Planning Advisory Board. It provides technical assistance on town planning whenever this service is requested. No charge is made for expert advice on such matters as road intersections, general plans and zoning by-laws for a two-year development program. This Branch is responsible for the planning of Drayton Valley, Alberta's youngest townsite.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs is also the Minister in Charge of Civil Defence for the Province and the Provincial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
FOR BUSINESS
Government of Alberta

RAISIN FRUIT CAKE for a spicy holiday

- Raisin Fruit Cake
(Makes 3 loaves)
- 4 cups seeded raisins
 - 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
 - 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 - 1 tablespoon allspice
 - 2 1/2 cups liquid
 - 2 1/2 cups chopped nuts
 - 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter or shortening
 - 2 eggs, well beaten
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nuts.

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 8x4x2 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour and 15 minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist.

The liquid may be water or leftover coffee.

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Double Santa Claus

By Kayce Fields

AS WAS his custom during a Christmas week of each year, George Brandon leaned against a pillar in the toy department of the big store, and watched the kiddies. Whenever, with a particularly hungry look, a child picked up a toy or eyed one longingly, George raised his hand. This was a signal to the clerk that the price of the toy was on him.

George was no millionaire, it was just that, not having folks of his own to buy Christmas presents for, he spent his gift money on the kids. It gave him a satisfaction to see their faces light up.

A girl had entered the store and was standing by a pillar near the one George was propped against. He had noticed her, with more than casual interest, when she came in. She had a complexion that was the clearest he had ever



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seen and, although he couldn't see them at that distance, he would have bet she had blue eyes. Her hair was shining blonde.

When George turned his attention back to the toy counter, a little girl, wearing neat but worn clothing, was eyeing a doll almost as large as herself. He raised his hand. With a slightly bewildered expression, the clerk picked up two dolls, wrapped them, and handed them to the child.

The actions of the clerk puzzled George. He was certain he had only signaled, once.

George turned his head to look at the blonde girl again.

The girl caught him staring at her and she smiled. A very nice smile. George would have liked to have a smile like that, just for himself, every day. With an effort he brought his gaze back to the toy counter.

A small boy was wistfully looking at a train. George could picture the kid at home, on the floor, playing with it. It would be nice to help a boy like that assemble the toy. He raised his hand.

This time the clerk seemed more puzzled than ever. He started to reach for the train, then instead, he motioned for George to come to the counter. George had been about to go over, anyway, to see what was behind the man's strange actions.

"Do you know that blonde girl standing over there by the pillar?" the clerk asked him.

"No," George told him. "but I'd sure like to. Why?"

"Did you notice I gave the little girl two dolls, when you signaled?"

"Why yes," George answered him. "and I wondered about it. However, I figured you knew the child and she probably had a sister that you thought should have a doll too."

"No, that wasn't the reason." The toy salesman motioned to the blonde girl. She had been watching them with interest and at the clerk's wave, she came over.

"Miss Marvin," the man behind the counter introduced them, "this is George Brandon. George, this is Joan Marvin. I think all nice people, such as you two, should know each other."

The girl extended her hand eagerly and George took it just as quickly. He saw that he would have won his bet—her eyes were the bluest of the blue!

"Say, what's going on here?" "The small boy had turned away from the glistening train and was looking at the trio wonderingly.

"I'll second the boy's question," George said. "Just what is going on here?"

The salesman laughed. "The reason I thought you two ought to get together, is that you're giving me signals on the same kids."

"You see," he told George, "Miss Marvin made the same arrangement this year, in regards to giving the little boys, that you've been making for years!"

One Christmas, a few years later, Joan Brandon said to her husband, "Remember the Christmas we met, George?"

"Of course," he answered. "I'll never forget it. Why?"

"Well," she laughed, "I'd seen you in the store the previous Christmas and it took me a year to figure out that scheme to meet you. One little girl got a double Christmas out of it, anyway!"

Gas Company Add New Line

The Gas Company announced the completion of its transmission pipeline from the City of Edmonton to the Texaco Exploration Company's Absorption Plant in the Bonnie Glen gas field. The purpose of the line is to provide a market for residue oil field gas and to make available to the Company's customers in the City of Edmonton and other source of supply. It is anticipated that during the first few months of the Texaco Plant's operation they will supply to Northwestern Utilities, Limited, something in the neighborhood of 12 to 15 million cubic feet of gas per day.

The line will cost in excess of \$1,300,000, and is 42 miles in length of 12 1/2" seamless pipe with a maximum working pressure of 575 pounds per square inch. The pipe was purchased from Stewart and Lloyd's of Great Britain and was shipped to Canada via the Panama Canal. It is all welded and coated with coal tar enamel.

Construction was commenced on May 3 of this year and was seriously delayed due to the wet weather. Fortunately the favorable weather conditions which prevailed in the fall months enabled the line to be completed in time for the commencement of operations of the Texaco Plant.

D. K. Yornath,
General Manager.

Jarrow News

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith and family spent the week-end in the city with relatives and friends.

Norris Tomlinson was the lucky winner of the big turkey which was raffled at the Batt school last Friday night.

There will be another card party at the Batt School on Saturday, December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Myers and family were Sunday guests at the K. B. Linglie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sonett spent last Wednesday in the city.

The Christmas Concert will be given at the Batt school on Wednesday, December 22.

Rev. H. W. Ingalls will give the Christmas message at the Jarrow Church on Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m. The Irma Choir will be there to render their message in song. This will be a real treat for everyone.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Barry Holt's wee daughter is seriously ill in the Viking hospital.

BATTLE RIVER W.I. HALF YEARLY PROGRAM

Place

January—Mrs. Fenton.
February—Mrs. Patterson.
March—Mrs. Sanders.
April—Mrs. Gardiner.
May—Mrs. Enger.
June—Mrs. Morse.

Hostesses

Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Dootson, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Savard, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Enger, Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Steele.

Program

January—Mrs. Steele.
February—Mrs. Dempsey.
March—Mrs. Savard.
April—Mrs. Sanders.
May—Mrs. Fenton.
June—Mrs. Cook or Delegate's report.

Draw

Mrs. Dempsey.
Mrs. Patterson.
Mrs. Steele.
Mrs. Enger.
Mrs. Dootson.
Mrs. Fenton.

Roll Call

January—Why I Belong to W.I.
February—A Handkerchief Exchange.
March—Friendship meeting and revealing of last year's friend.
April—Where you met your husband.
May—A verse or poem remembered from school days.
June—A safety hint for vacation time.



The best of everything for you and your family...not only during the Holiday Season, but always...this is our sincere wish.

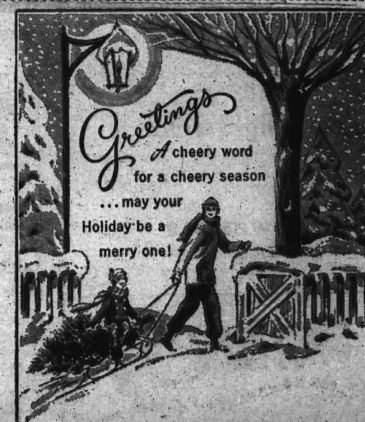
Pendleton's Garage

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Irma Pool Hall

S. H. BARBER, Prop.



Irma Food Market

L. E. MEIER, Prop.



Central Garage

W. SYMINGTON, Prop.



Gift Suggestions

Misses' Plaid WAISTS

Spun rayon in popular tartan design. Sizes 7 to 12. Long sleeve. Warm and stylish. **2.49**
Priced at

MISSSES' Snuggledown Pyjamas

Cozy, warm, bright and gay. Ski style. Knit wristlet and anklet. Camellia rose or blue. Sizes 8 to 14. Priced at **2.98**

Women's Nylon Scarves

New distinctive nylon neck squares. Large size. Beautiful design in pastel shades. These are proving most popular. Priced at **1.98**

Nylon Rectangular Scarves, Plain colors. Priced from **1.00**

WOMEN'S PURE Silk Squares

Large size, pure silk, washable. Several lovely bright designs. Light but warm. A higher price, time, SALE **1.49**

Pillow Slips

Pillow packaged and fancy embroidered slips. Priced from **1.95 to 4.49**

Table Cloths

Cotton, rayon, pure linen. A big lot to choose from. Priced from **1.95**

These Make the Little Ones Happy

Tots' Dresses

Smart little Nylon numbers for the 12 to 3 Miss. Dainty as can be. Priced **2.49 to 4.49**

Tots' Nightwear

Cozytee Sleepers, Flannelette Pyjamas, Snuggledown Pyjamas. Sizes 1 to 6x in the lot. Priced **1.95 to 2.95**

Tots' Sweaters

Nylon, Wool and Cotton Cardigans or Pullovers. Sizes 1 to 6. Priced **1.49 to 4.75**



- **NUTS**—New nuts, 6 varieties. Evenly mixed. 2 lbs. **85¢**
- **CHOCOLATES**—Boxed chocolates. 1/2 lb. 1 lb. 2 lb. All branded, first quality lines.
- **CHRISTMAS CANDY**—A host of varieties of good quality, full range of Xmas Candy.
- **OLIVES**—A full range of Club House Olives. Priced from **39¢**
- **MINCE MEAT**—Delicious Nabob Mince Meat. 24 oz. **52¢**
Also Bulk Nabob Mince Meat. 4 lb. **1.19**

Notice
STORE OPEN
ALL DAY
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 22



Panties

Nylon or Rayon with Nylon trim. Sizes 2, 4, 6. At **49¢ to 69¢** Sizes 8 to 14 **59¢ to 89¢**

Tots' SLIPS

Luxite high grade Nylon Tricot. Nylon lace trim. AT THIS SPECIAL PRICE **1.95**

Mittens

Cozy, warm gloves and mittens in leather or wool. Priced from **85¢**

Scarves and Hankies

Nylon Scarves **1.00**
Hankies. Printed cotton **2 for 35¢**

Tots' Nylon Blouses

Just as smart as Mother's. Sizes 2, 4, 6. Snappy models in blue, white and red. **2.95**

Warm Jeans

Cozy lined. A practical gift. Suspender top. Fully sanforized. Sizes 3 to 6. **2.79 and 2.95**
Boys' or girls'. Priced

Towels

Sturdy, thirsty Canadian made towels. Packaged for gifts. Pairs and Sets. Priced from **1.95 to 3.59**

Table Scarves, Vanity Sets Runners, etc.

In pure linen and in nylon. New lines. Priced from **1.95**

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Snuggledown Gowns and Pyjamas. Warm, cozy, good looking. Make a most acceptable gift. Priced at **3.98 and 4.95**

Luxite

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SLIPS

2 SPARKLING NEW NUMBERS

Deoron and Acetate. Nylon trim. Will not cling. Priced at **4.95**

Deoron and Nylon. Sheer, dainty, beautiful. Will not cling. Priced at **6.95**

Panties

Luxite Panties in lovely rayon or the popular nylon. Christmas gift numbers that are priced right. Rayon **69¢ to 1.00**
Fancy trim Tricot Nylon **1.95 to 2.95**

Shoes

Kiddies' Shoes for the holiday. Dress-up Slippers, Skipalong strap style. Smart but sturdy. Red and patent. **2.95 to 5.00**
Priced as to size from

Men's Holiday Shoes

• **LOAFERS**
Mahogany red. Good stock. Well made and finished. Pair **8.50**
Greb made Elastic Gore, pair **12.50**

• MEN'S OXFORDS

From a most reputable maker. Full Goodyear welt soles. Nice upper stock. Black or brown. Good fitters, good lookers, good wearers. Priced **10.95 to 12.95**

Boys' ...

Smart New Ties, Belts, Socks, Suspenders, Gloves at Moderate Prices.

Boys' Shirts

Celanese sport style boys' gabardine shirts. Smart new numbers in several shades **2.95**
Print Shirts in colors or plain white **2.69**
Nylon Pucker Sport Shirts **2.98**

• Boys' LEATHER SLIPPERS **2.49 to 3.95**

Boys' Tee Shirts

Novelty numbers from Penman. Priced from **1.95**

Men's Shirts

Arrow Shirts—Sport style in wool, Gabanaro, Cotton Flannel.
Arrow Shirts—White and colored. (All Gift Boxed)

Ties

Sparkling new Currie Ties. Gift boxed. Priced **1.00 1.50 2.00**

Pyjamas

Arrow Nightwear in flannelette or broadcloth. **5.95 and 6.95**

Gloves

Lovely new gift lines in lined gloves. **2.95**
Good capeskin. Priced from

New Sparkling

Sweaters, Socks, Jackets, Mitts, Work Shirts, Boxed Suspenders, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Wallets, Tie Pins and Bars, Scarves.

Local News

Mrs. Carl Larson was sufficiently recovered from her operation to return to her home here on Saturday last.

The Irma Square Dance Club will hold a Square Dance at 8:30 The caller will be Bill Coulter on the evening of December 29. of Wetaskiwin.

Father Inglis, former priest of Wainwright, now of Edmonton, visited at the Donoghue home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinus Meyer of Clover Bar are renewing old acquaintances in Irma and district.

Recent visitors in Edmonton were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones, Mr. D. H. Gunn, Mrs. E. Rae, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hubman, Mrs. W. Rae.
Miss Susan McKay of Toronto to will spend the Christmas holiday at the home of W. H. C. Brien, Q.C., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Mr. Steve Kromp, resident of the Ross district, suffered severe injuries when his truck went off the road early Sunday morning. He was found unconscious by Wm. Dubasz and taken to Wainwright hospital.

The Irma United Church Sunday School White Gift Service will be held in the United Church on Sunday morning, December 19 at 10:30 p.m. Parents of the Sunday School scholars are invited to attend this service.

There will be an FUA meeting at the North Irma Community Hall on Saturday evening, December 18. The reports of the convention delegates will be given and a social time will follow. Lunch will be served.

A drilling crew are at work on the old Smallwood farm, a mile south of Irma. May they find what they are looking for!

The Irma United Church Sunday School Concert will be held at the Church on the evening of December 23. There will be a special program of carol singing, film strips and numbers by the Sunday School classes. A special collection will be taken up and the proceeds shared between Wood's Christian Home and the Protestant Home for Children.

The next meeting of the Irma W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. O. Larson. Hostesses, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. McFarland. Draw, Mrs. Anquist. Roll Call—Pay your yearly dues.
Keep in mind the CGET Vesper Service to be held in the United Church on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Further donations in memory of the late Mr. Roy Reber have been made to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle by Mr. and Mrs. E. Rae and family and Mr. and Mrs. G. Pendleton and family.

Christmas lights are blossoming out all over town and every evening bright displays are popping up in the windows of the various homes while lighted Christmas trees and outdoor decorations are flourishing. Xmas must be very near because any night now one has only to glance toward the very north, end of Main St. and there is Santa, his sleigh and reindeer approaching our very village. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savard please take a bow.

A number of folk have been donating free time and work to paint and improve the interior of St. Theresa's Church for the Christmas season.

Remember the CMA Sunday School Concert at the Tabernacle on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.

Late subscribers who have not already renewed are reminded that labels will be changed and printed up to date during the Christmas week.

PLEASE NOTE

Correspondents, advertisers, and subscribers please note that the Irma Times will not be issued on Friday, December 24, or Friday, December 31.

The next issue of The Times will be published on January 7, 1955.

All notices and correspondence should be handed in to Mrs. Riley before that date. Thanks a lot.

—The Publishers.

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